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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Akihiko MARUYAMA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
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Application No.: 09/979,558) Examiner: Diana B. Johannsen
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Int'l Filing Date: May 25, 2000) Confirmation No.: 5998
§ 371 Requirements Satisfied Date:)
March 18, 2002)
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For: DNA, DNA PROBES, AND)
METHODS FOR DETECTING)
NOVEL PSYCHROTROPIC)
BACTERIUM)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Office communication dated September 8, 2004, the Applicants enclose a corrected copy of the amended claims originally included in the Amendment and Response filed on March 8, 2004. The Office noted that the deletion of single punctuation marks in claims 4 and 5 should be made by double brackets rather than by strike-through. The enclosed copy of the amended claims reflect such corrections in claims 4 and 5.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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